

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 17

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14—Relative to California Space Day.

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SCR 14, Runner. Satellite industry.

This measure would acknowledge the growth and contributions of the satellite industry to California, urge the public to recognize the growth of this sector as an important economic and job creation engine that deserves to be nurtured and encouraged to remain and expand in California, and recognize April 12, 2005, as California Space Day, in special recognition of how the satellite industry has found a consumer market and is improving the lives of our citizens.

WHEREAS, The satellite industry has been the largest and fastest growing segment of the overall space industry, having tripled in size from over \$15 billion in 1996 to over \$49 billion in 2002, according to a recent statistics study of the Satellite Industries Association; and

WHEREAS, California's share of this global market is approximately 20 percent, and it is forecasted to be over 30 percent by 2010; and

WHEREAS, Transmission from more than 3,500 satellites currently orbiting in operation above the earth's atmosphere are increasingly making a greater contribution to the everyday lives of consumers and transforming our world into a truly global neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Satellite technology is an enabler and partner with many other key California industries such as information technology, telecommunications, entertainment, environmental studies, and agricultural management; and

WHEREAS, Average citizens are using satellite based global positioning systems to map themselves to destinations, while businesses are using the same systems to manage trucking fleets and railroad cars; and

WHEREAS, Scientists are using remote earth sensing satellites to monitor erosion and environmental degradation, and for ocean and forest management; and

WHEREAS, Average American families across the country are enjoying television and radio programming brought to them through direct satellite broadcasting; and

WHEREAS, Farmers use satellites to monitor animal herds and to manage crop moisture and pest infestation; and

WHEREAS, Many other applications of satellite technology are being used each and every day; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature acknowledges the growth and contributions of the satellite industry to California and urges the public to recognize the growth of this sector as an important economic and job creation engine that deserves to be nurtured and encouraged to remain and expand in California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature recognizes April 12, 2005, as California Space Day, in special recognition of how the satellite industry has found a consumer market and is improving the lives of our citizens; and be it further

Resolved, That suitable copies of this resolution be provided to the author for appropriate distribution.